#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Administration Committee Minutes November 6, 2003

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Administration Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices, 818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mayor Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest. There was a quorum.

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

## **Committee Members Present:**

Mayor William Alexander City of Rancho Cucamonga

City of San Gabriel Mayor Pro-Tem Harry Baldwin City of Los Alamitos Mayor Ron Bates City of Lake Forest Mayor Richard Dixon City of La Palma Councilmember Alta Duke Mayor Lee Ann Garcia City of Grand Terrace County of Imperial Supervisor Hank Kuiper City of Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge City of Downey Councilmember Keith McCarthy

Mayor Bev Perry City of Brea

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Pettis
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo
Mayor Ron Roberts
Councilmember Sidney Tyler
Councilmember Toni Young
Councilmember Bob Yousefian
City of Cathedral City
City of Pico Rivera
City of Temecula
City of Pasadena
City of Port Hueneme
City of Glendale

## **Committee Members Absent:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Dispenza
Mayor Pro-Tem Sandy Jacobs
Supervisor Judy Mikels
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Councilmember Dennis Washburn

City of Palmdale
City of El Segundo
County of Ventura
City of Santa Monica
City of Calabasas

#### **Staff Present:**

Ed Paul Internal Auditor

Charlie Wagner Acting Manager of Finance

#### **Others Present:**

Jeff LustgartenCerrellZahi FaraneshSCAGTy SchuillingSANBAGSondra BalmirFTA/FHWA

# 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

## 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was MOVED (Mayor Bev Perry), SECONDED (Supervisor Hand Kuiper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## 3.1 Approval Items

- 3.1.1 Approval of October 2, 2003 Minutes
- 3.1.2 Approval of Contracts
  - Crown Consulting
- 3.1.3 NARC Dues FY 2003-2004 for \$12,500
- 3.1.4 Approve assignment to the Transportation Corridor System the following Amended and restated MOUs-Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between SCAG and the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency Regarding Implementation of Toll Pricing Policy
  - Approve assignment to the Transportation Corridor System the following Amended and restated MOUs-Amend and Restated Memorandum of Understanding By and Between SCAG and San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency Regarding Implementation of Toll Facility Pricing Policy
- 3.1.5 Amend Resolution 03-446-2 of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) MOU & Amend Resolution 03-446-3 covering volunteers in the Self Insurance changing the date to Dec. 1, 2003
- 3.1.6 Adopt Resolution 03-447-1 Approving JPIA for Liability Insurance

# 3.2 Receive & File

- 3.2.1 Conflict of Interest Listing
  (Info Only) RC Attachment
- 3.2.2 Contracts & PO's between \$5,000 \$25,000

#### **Contracts**

- Aquent
- HP Direct
- IBM Corporation

- 3.2.3 <u>Summary of Key Issues and Actions Taken by the Policy Committees in October</u>
- 3.2.4 SCAG Legislative Matrix

## 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1 Administration Committee Report

# 4.1.1 Adopt Resolution 03-447-2 approving 2003-2004 OWP Amendment #1

Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director presented the report. He informed the Committee that the purpose of the amendment is to revise work scopes, tasks, schedules, who is doing the work, consider adding new work, consider removing work that is decided no longer essential. We will also consider programming funds that become available from unspent money in 02-03 that we can not do until we complete all of the auditing and closing of the year, which has been done. SCAG has available for CPG funding consideration approximately \$2.9 million. SCAG also has the opportunity to put in the work program other grants that we may have been in receipt of since the July 1 time period.

He asked the Committee to take into consideration next year's situation as they are thinking of this year because it is affecting what is brought for their consideration today.

Jim Gosnell reported that the amendment recommendations include adjustments to reflect actual contract balances, investments to complete work in the area of data improvement and modeling capability, funding the increased operating costs, and that SCAG not program all of the federal funds, so that we reserve money anticipating the unknown next fiscal year.

This item was MOVED (Councilmember Toni Young), SECONDED (Councilmember Ron Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

# 4.1.2 <u>Proposed Travel Reimbursement Policy for Appointed Committee</u> Members

Mayor Bev Perry asked that the proposed language be more specific as to eligibility for reimbursement.

It was recommended that the following revisions be made:

- The meeting must be held at the SCAG offices.
- Reimbursement is limited to members who are not working for or receiving a stipend from a public agency.

- Members are not Regional Council members or other Subregional representatives.
- Reimbursement is in accordance with Caltrans and SCAG travel policies including submitting supporting documentation.

The item was MOVED, as amended (Councilmember Keith McCarthy), SECONDED (Councilmember Harry Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

# 4.2 Audit/Best Practices Committee Report

Update on KPMG FY 2002-2003 Audit/Management Letter/Single Audit

Councilmember Sidney Tyler, Jr. presented the report.

Councilmember Sidney Tyler, Jr., reported to the Committee that in summary there was a clean opinion, there were a number of improvements from the prior year, although this audit does not contain comparisons to last year, because of the shift in accounting methodology required by GASB 34.

Tom Snow of KPMG informed the Committee that the audit opinion is unqualified for this year and has been rendered in a timely fashion. He stated that a concern to the audit team is the ongoing Caltrans and Department of Transportation issues and the continuous improvement issues. The management letter contains one comment related to security of passwords in the SAP system, which is currently being addressed.

Tom Snow reported that SCAG's financial statements appear to meet the rigorous requirements of the Governmental Finance Officer's Association and will be submitted for award consideration.

# 5.0 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

# 5.1 Monthly Financial Report

Charlie Wagner reported that the Line of Credit has decreased and the Working Capital has increased, indicating SCAG is moving in the right direction in our financial management.

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## 5.2 Cost Analysis of Maglev High Speed Rail into Coachella Valley

Mayor Ron Roberts raised concern that staff intends to go to the Tribal Governments informing them that it would cost them approximately \$2.8 million dollars to have a study done on the cost of Maglev coming into the Coachella Valley. He does not want any correspondence sent to the Tribal Governments. He indicated that the Tribal Governments only asked the question on Maglev in passing. Another alternative may be to make a phone call to them to discuss possible cost and funding alternatives.

# 6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

# 7.0 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

#### 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Richard Dixon adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer Staff to the Administration Committee